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SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Mrs. Roselyn C. Richardson.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Mrs. Roselyn C. Richardson.

Whereas, Mrs. Roselyn C. Richardson passed away on July 8, 2005, leaving a void that will be very difficult for her family and friends to fill;

Whereas, Mrs. Roselyn C. Richardson was born on August 23, 1913, in Roberta, Georgia, to Arthur and Everlena (Walker) Comer;

Whereas, After graduating from Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School, she attended Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia;

Whereas, Mrs. Roselyn C. Richardson also received a certificate with a major in community organization and group work from the Atlanta School of Social Work;

Whereas, During the time Mrs. Richardson worked for the American Friends Service Committee, she worked covertly with progressive people in Atlanta advocating and planning racial integration, often risking arrest;

Whereas, On September 18, 1938, Roselyn married attorney and former Indiana legislator Henry J. Richardson, Jr. and together they raised two sons, Henry J. III and Rodney C.;



Whereas, While raising her sons, Mrs. Richardson was active in numerous civic, religious, educational, and political organizations including the Phyllis Wheatley Young Women's Christian Association, the Intercollegiate Co-educational Club of the Senate Avenue Young Men's Christian Association, the Flanner Guild, and the Women's Association of the Witherspoon United Presbyterian Church;

Whereas, Henry and Roselyn Richardson were at the forefront of the Indiana school desegregation movement when their older son was denied admission to Indianapolis Public School 43;

Whereas, Henry and Roselyn Richardson's struggle was the beginning of a state-wide movement that led to the passage of the 1949 Indiana school desegregation law;

Whereas, Mrs. Roselyn Richardson was very active in the parent-teacher organizations of her children's schools serving as a board member of the Shortridge High School PTA, organizing and serving as the first chairperson of the Pupil Motivation Committee that was developed to provide role models who would share their careers with students during study halls and free periods, and serving as the director of an experimental program known as the Career Sampling Program; and

Whereas, Throughout her life Mrs. Roselyn Richardson mentored and advised young people about education and personal values and was committed to justice and caring among all people: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate expresses its deepest
- 2 sympathy to the family of Mrs. Roselyn C. Richardson and pays tribute
- 3 to her for the many contributions she made to the city of Indianapolis
- 4 and its young people. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends,
- 5 and community members.
- 6 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the



- 1 Secretary of the Senate to her sons Henry J. Richardson III and Rodney
- 2 C. Richardson and her sister Wilhelmina Carter.

